

Today's diseases—Alzheimer's, AIDS, heart and kidney disease, prostate cancer and arthritis—are far more complex than those successfully treated in the past. Moreover, many of today's most prevalent diseases—primarily chronic and degenerative conditions—are at the high-cost stage in the innovation cycle. If we cut investment in medical progress today, the consequence may be irrevocable and society may rue that decision for years to come.

The annual medical costs of only seven major uncured diseases account for about half of today's health care bill. However, many of those diseases are within reach of effective pharmaceutical control or cure. As biomedical technology progresses to that point, the total cost of treating these major ailments should drop sharply. If the cycle of innovation is disrupted, we run the risk of being trapped with today's higher-cost, less-effective options.

Today's rapidly changing health care market signals the continuing sense of urgency for optimal patient care and cost containment. By the same token, we must constantly remind ourselves that medical innovation is the most viable, long-term solution for cost-effective quality care—as the findings of the Institute study attest.

In 1995, an urgent task before U.S. policymakers should be to assure that the path of innovation remains open, unobstructed and attractive to investors. And, that statement applies across the board—from our industry that has cured polio, tuberculosis, measles and diphtheria to our fellow industries that have brought the world the laser, fiber optics, lightweight alloys, integrated circuits, the CAT scanner, and that have taken us into outer space.

Thank you.●

BOB SELTZER

● Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, I want to take a few minutes of the Senate's time this evening to salute the career of one of the best among us. Tomorrow, Bob Seltzer is turning off his Senate computer terminal for the last time, analyzing his last floor debate, perhaps writing his last perceptive piece of policy analysis. After spending much of the last 17 years serving three different Senators, Bob is leaving Capitol Hill for less hectic pursuits. Along with the many people who have had the privilege of working with him, I will miss him very much.

Bob was teaching college in Detroit when I was lucky enough to get him to manage my first campaign for the U.S. Senate in 1978. Despite the odds against a city councilman like me winning his first statewide race, Bob maneuvered me into winning and followed me to Washington as the chief of my staff. We both dove into the challenges and opportunities of this institution, and he was at my side throughout my first 4 years. He set up my office, hired my staff, shaped my legislative program, wrote some speeches for me and endorsed me in many aspects of my job. Even after moving on to other challenges, Bob came back when I needed him for another stint on my staff as my communications director.

We learned the ways of Washington together, and we both developed a deep love for the Senate. He was as fas-

cinated as I with its traditions and procedures, and he became one of a handful of students of the Senate who have a deep understanding of how and why things happen here the way they do. His unique, wry and creative sense of humor helped me and all those he worked with survive the many strains of Senate life. He enjoyed poking fun at himself. I relied on his political instincts and insights, and on his ability to tell me things straight. His grasp of the fundamental principles of what makes our complex society function and his incredible ability to analyze and explain a problem and argue for a solution to it were invaluable assets to this Senator.

That ability to paint word pictures of people and problems and their solutions which Bob has is truly remarkable. He can write about virtually any subject and bring it to vivid life, creating memorable images that stay with the listener or the reader. I remember, for example, the way he once described his suspicions about someone's guilt: "There may not be a smoking gun, but there's a trail of spent shells leading to his door." Even his internal office memos describing the most mundane administrative matters, which he claimed to be terrible at dealing with, contained priceless paragraphs of prose and self-deprecating humor.

I would be less than truthful if I did not point out, however, that Bob did have a weakness in his writing style, a tendency toward excessive alliteration. Perhaps this grows out of his interest in literature, which he is going to pursue in the years ahead by opening a bookstore. One of his close friends and former coworkers, Chuck Cutolo, who also recently moved on from the Senate, called to say that if Bob were writing his own headline for the story of this departure, it would probably read something like "Seltzer Severs Senatorial Services; Banks on Books to Bring Him a Breathe."

But this one weakness did not stop Bob from getting two other Senators to make him a key advisor after he left my staff. Senator HERB KOHL made Bob his legislative director, and he most recently has served Senator FRANK LAUTENBERG in that same capacity. They probably don't know it, but Bob continued to help me, in his spare time. He continued to be a political strategist and advisor, and I hope he continues to give me the benefit of his extraordinary skills and his trenchant wisdom.

When we came here together he was a young man. He's now old enough to be beloved. And that he is.●

NOMINATION OF JOHN J. CALLAHAN

● Mr. PRYOR. Mr. President, on July 21, 1995, the Senate Committee on Finance favorably reported the nomination of John J. Callahan for the position of Assistant Secretary for Management and Budget and Chief Finan-

cial Officer (ASMB/CFO) for the Department of Health and Human Services. I support Dr. Callahan's nomination and feel his expertise would be advantageous to this Department. The importance of this Department and its role in our society is immeasurable. For this reason it is crucial that this Department, like every other, be served by outstanding people such as Dr. Callahan.

For more than 25 years, John J. Callahan has had an exemplary public service record. He served in the United States Senate for over 15 years. During that period he served as Staff Director for the U.S. Senate Governmental Affairs Subcommittee on Intergovernmental Relations and the Subcommittee on Government Efficiency, Federalism, and the District of Columbia. His service also includes serving as Deputy Staff Director of the Senate Budget Committee and Chief of Staff to my good friend from Tennessee, former Senator Jim Sasser. Dr. Callahan's vast Congressional and budget experience should help him tremendously as he wrestles with the issues that HHS deals with every day.

Earlier in Dr. Callahan's public service career he was a Director at the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL). During that time he had the opportunity to conduct studies that helped State legislatures review their school finance plans to meet with educational mandates. Working for the State governments has given him the background needed to better link state and national government agencies, and to better interpret the effect of Federal requirements on state and local governments.

As Chief Financial Officer, Dr. Callahan will have the responsibility of handling the more than \$300 billion budget that is allocated annually to HHS programs. He is ably credentialed for this task. Dr. Callahan's work at the Senate Budget Committee included assisting in the preparation of more than 20 Committee hearings and in the development and passage of two budget reconciliation bills (which together reduced projected deficits by nearly \$1 trillion).

HHS is considered by many to be one of the most crucial entities of our government. This Department affects all Americans at some point or another in their lives. From childhood immunization programs to the supervision of Medicare, we will all eventually benefit from the services of this agency. The Assistant Secretary of Management and Budget has many responsibilities that help to make this a productive Department. John Callahan has the expertise and track record to run this office efficiently and purposefully. In a recent meeting with Dr. Callahan, we discussed his role in designing more efficient programs. John Callahan brings with him to this important post not only new and innovative ideas but invaluable experience that has taken him many years to acquire.

When it comes to the health of the people of the United States, we must make education and public awareness a top priority. John J. Callahan is a devoted student, having earned his Bachelor's Degree in Political Science at Fordham University, his Master's Degree in Regional Planning at Syracuse University and his Ph.D. in Social Science also at Syracuse. John has served as an Assistant Professor of Education and Planning at the University of Virginia and an adjunct professor at the USDA Graduate School and American University.

Further, John J. Callahan is a devoted family man. He is very supportive of his wife and three children. He wants to ensure a health future for his children as well as the children of our entire nation.

I would like to conclude by saying that the Department of Health and Human Services has played a key role in today's health care debate. I have no doubt that our great Nation will pull together to find solutions to the problems that have been identified. The solutions will come from individuals like John Callahan, one who has devoted his lifetime to education, research and public service.

It is again my honor and pleasure to declare my full support for John J. Callahan's nomination to be the Assistant Secretary for Management and Budget and Chief Financial Officer of the Department of Health and Human Services.

I would like to thank Jeffrey C. Lederman for his capable work on development of this statement. Mr. Lederman is a medical student at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey-School of Osteopathic Medicine who ably assisted by Aging Committee staff as a fellow over the last 2 months. We are grateful to Mr. Lederman for his service to the Committee. •

U.S. AIR FORCE AIR MOBILITY COMMAND

• Mr. BOND. Mr. President, I rise today to congratulate the Secretary, the Chief of Staff of the U.S. Air Force and the officers, men and women of the United States Air Force Air Mobility Command for their performance during the recently concluded reliability, maintainability, and availability evaluation of the C-17 Globemaster III. This aircraft, though controversial at the start has more than proven itself under intense scrutiny by the USAF testers, but most importantly it has proven itself to the men and women who load it, fly it, and maintain it.

During the RM&A evaluation, the C-17 and their crews transported 5,500 tons of Air Force and Army equipment, airdropped nearly 770,000 pounds, including Sheridan tanks and accommodated over 3,000 paratroopers of the 82d Airborne from Fort Bragg, NC and I send my congratulations to them as well. The C-17 flew more than 2,250

flight hours and 500 sorties with a 99-percent launch reliability rate.

We look for jointness in many of our procurements, the C-17 was built with this in mind. Its load capacity has been designed to carry Patriots, helicopters, humvees, main battle tanks, multiple launcher rocket systems and the Army's huge communications vans. These items can not only be transported but driven on and driven off of the aircraft * * * and in an austere environment. It can take the mission essential equipment to where the troops need it. It truly can carry the fight to the enemy * * * wherever he is.

And so Mr. President, I hope this puts to rest those critics of the C-17 who look to less flexible, limited commercial freight haulers to support the combat requirements of this Nation's military personnel. Again, I pass my congratulations and "a job well done" to all those involved in the C-17 program. •

LAURA HUDSON

• Mr. JOHNSTON. Mr. President, for almost 23 years I have been privileged to serve in the U.S. Senate. For some 20 of those years I have been blessed with the able assistance of Laura Hudson, who completes her Senate service this week, as my legislative director and indispensable right hand.

In so many ways, Laura personifies the best tradition of Senate service—beginning in one capacity and growing into so many more. The young history post-graduate, who took a legislative-correspondent position in my office in 1975, quickly grew beyond that and has been my invaluable counsel on a variety of legislative challenges over the years.

Her knowledge of the budgetary process is legendary among her colleagues. And her command of the appropriations process has no equal among those who serve on personal staffs in the Senate.

There are parks and preservation projects, in Louisiana and beyond which exist solely because of the personal commitment and legislative skill of Laura Hudson, whole regions of the globe, such as Micronesia, routinely neglected by many in the Congress, receive a respect and recognition in Washington due heavily to Laura's devotion. That component Closeup Program, which brings hundreds of students and teachers each year from the former Trust Territories of Micronesia, is but one example of Laura's passion.

Moreover, I am convinced that the relationship between our country and many of the developing and emerging economies of the world, such as China, Viet Nam, and Indonesia, profit in immeasurable ways from the understanding and leadership of staff persons such as Laura.

This is a woman, Mr. President, who has forsaken many opportunities in the private sector because of a deep belief in the merits of public service, and a

belief in the simple tenet that she could make a difference. More than we often acknowledge, it is the Laura Hudsons who made a qualitative difference in our daily work product.

I know that Laura will continue to contribute, as only she can, to public policy. But I will miss her in a way immediate and direct, as will so many of her longtime colleagues in the Senate. But I know they join me in expressing appreciation and best wishes as Laura enters an exciting new chapter of her life. •

JUNEAU DRILL TEAM WORLD CHAMPIONS

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, the drill team from Juneau-Douglas High School in the capital of my State recently won the world championship International Dance-Drill Competition in Nagoya, Japan.

In recognition of their accomplishment, I ask that articles from the Juneau Empire detailing the team's achievements be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the articles were ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

[From the Juneau Empire, August 6, 1995]

DRILL TEAM WORLD CHAMPS—JUNEAU GIRLS

SWEEP ALL THREE CATEGORIES IN JAPAN

(By Mike Sica)

They're the best on the planet.

The Juneau-Douglas High School Drill Team dazzled the world, performing the best show, military and prop routines at the International Dance-Drill Competition today in Nagoya, Japan.

The girls also received a special award from the mayor of Nagoya.

Drill team head coach Leslie Dahl said it was hard to understand what was being said because it was all in Japanese.

"All I know is the mayor thinks we're the best," Dahl said.

So did the panel of judges who ranked the Juneau girls ahead of hundreds of other competitors spanning the globe.

The JDHS drill team finished ahead of two Japanese squads in the show routine, beat California and Australia in the military march, and topped Japan and California in the prop routine.

"This is beyond our wildest imaginations," an excited Dahl said over the phone just minutes after the announcement of the winners. "The girls had to push Jennifer Frederick (team captain) forward because she thought she had heard wrong, she just couldn't believe it."

Neither could Craig Dahl, Leslie's husband and a member of the Drill Team Dads. He didn't expect the girls to win the show routine, only because they had few props compared to their competitors in that category.

"I'm sure they drew the crowd into their routine," he figured. "It's exactly what they did in Long Beach (Calif.), when they won the three national titles" earlier this year.

Craig Dahl said the girls must have turned it on under pressure, captivating the audience with their energy and enthusiasm.

"It's absolutely fantastic, they're as good as we think they are," he added.

Juneau made the finals, making the first cut with their preliminary performances on Saturday. Leslie Dahl knew they were strong in the prop routine but thought they were shaky in the military march.